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SCRANTON, PA., THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 16, 1899.

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BRIBERY WITNESSES ARE HEARD

Mr. O'Toole of the Scrantonian on the Stand.

TESTIMONY WAS BRIEF

His Answers Regarding the Source of Information Regarding the "Fixing" of Mr. Timlin Are Rather Vague—Charges Based on Street Rumors—The Story of the Scranton Journalist Is a Disappointment to Those Who Were Looking for Something Exciting.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Harrisburg, March 15.—Among the witnesses at tonight's session of the committee investigating the charges of bribery in connection with the McCarrill bill was M. J. O'Toole, associate editor of the Scrantonian, a weekly Scranton paper of free lance political tendencies.

HEARING TESTIMONY.

Mr. Spatz Explains That He Did Not Mean Money.

Harrisburg, March 15.—The bribery committee met in the house chamber this evening to hear testimony on the charges of alleged bribery in connection with the consideration of the McCarrill bill in the house.

CAMP MEADE REOPENED.

Will Be Used as a Place for the Muster Out of Volunteers.

Costa Rica Is Tranquil.

Mr. Place Will Be Electrocuted.

California Deadlock.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Washington, March 15.—Mrs. Emily Maria Fish, wife of Hamilton Fish, of New York, died in this city today after an illness of several weeks.

LEGISLATORS ARE ECONOMICAL

OBJECT TO THE BILL CALLING FOR MORE EMPLOYEES.

The Measure Passed, However, by a Vote of 27 to 13—A Bill to Provide for a Pension for Soldiers of the Spanish-American War—Other Matters of Interest.

Forty-Ninth Ballot.

Harrisburg, March 15.—The forty-ninth ballot for United States senator taken today resulted as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Votes. Includes names like Jenks, Dalzell, Stewart, etc.

THE CONFERENCE AT HARRISBURG

Central Pennsylvania Organization Meets—Bishop Fowler the Presiding Officer.

Harrisburg, March 15.—The Central Pennsylvania conference began this morning at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Vote on the Bill.

The bill passed finally by a vote of 27 to 13. The members voted as follows: Yes—Messrs. Boyd, Brown, Lawrence, Brown, Philadelphia, Crawford, Cummings, Eby, Grady, Hardsenburgh, Hartz, Hummel, Johnson, Landon, Martin, Meredith, Morrill, Mitchell, (Bradford), Mitchell (Jefferson), Mitchell (Pomeroy), Neely, Osborn, Scott (Philadelphia), Stiles, Stinson, Van, Vaughan and Snyder—Total, 27.

Congressional Appropriations Not Sufficient to Meet Demands.

Washington, March 15.—There was a heavy reduction in the clerical force of the war department today.

Pittsburg Charter.

The Pittsburg charter bill was reported to the house today with a negative recommendation from the municipal corporations committee.

Drowned in His Cellar.

York, March 15.—The body of Samuel Shroyer, a wealthy resident of this city, was found this afternoon floating in several feet of water in the cellar of his residence.

Sedwick Arrives.

Newport News, Va., March 15.—The United States transport Sedwick arrived at noon today from Santiago having aboard the eighth Illinois regiment of colored volunteer infantry.

Booming Judge Stewart.

Harrisburg, March 15.—A delegation of York county lawyers called upon Governor Stone today and urged the appointment of Judge W. B. Stewart, of York, Democrat, to the vacancy on the superior court created by the death of Judge Williams.

Cape May Is Republican.

Cape May, N. J., March 15.—The complete count of yesterday's municipal election shows that Thomas Mills, Republican, is elected mayor and that the full Republican ticket is victorious.

SPAIN WILL RATIFY THE PEACE TREATY

CABINET COUNCIL DECIDES TO ACT AT ONCE.

Ratification Will Follow Dissolution of the Cortes, Which Will Be Decreed Today—General Gomez Has Decided to Proceed with the Distribution of the \$3,000,000—Havana Much More Quiet Than Usual.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

- Weather Indications Today: Fair; northerly winds. 1 General—A Scranton Editor Testifies Before the Bribery Investigation.

MR. BOGERT'S HEARING.

Secret Service Men Tell of the Manner in Which He Was Trapped.

BEEF COURT OF INQUIRY

Lieutenant Davis Gives Testimony That Proves Sensational—Effect of Canned Beef.

ADMINISTRATION INDORSERD.

Rhode Island Republicans Adopt a Patriotic Platform.

WRECK AT SUNBURY.

A Pennsylvania Train Is Derailed by a Landslide.

M'KINLEY'S VACATION.

He Will Probably Visit Jekyll Island Before Returning Home.

No Disturbance Expected.

Count von Biedenfeld Acquitted.

The Fight a Draw.

Hot Springs, Ark., March 15.—The Gardner-Murray fight was declared a draw after 20 rounds.

REBELS SUFFER HEAVY LOSS

General Wheaton Defeats Two Thousand Filipinos at Pasig.

Manila, March 15, 4.40 p. m.—General Llovd Wheaton, commanding the United States flying column, attacked and defeated a force of 2,000 Filipinos at Pasig this afternoon, inflicting a heavy loss upon them.

AMERICAN ADVANCE SLOW

Unable to See the Enemy in the Thickets—London Version of the Affair—Our Loss Slight—Many of the Enemy Killed and 350 Made Prisoners—The Important Victory Gained.

London's Version of Victory.

London, March 15.—The Evening News this afternoon published the following from Manila:

HONORS FOR CHOATE.

The United States Ambassador Makes His First Appearance.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, March 15.—Arrived: St. Paul, Southampton; Elam, Rotterdam; Westland, Antwerp.

Fatally Wounds His Wife.

Albion, Pa., March 15.—During a dispute with his wife this evening while intoxicated Elias Griffin of Haysville, fifteen miles from Albion, shot the woman in the abdomen, inflicting a mortal wound.

Kipling's Condition.

New York, March 15.—Rudyard Kipling was able to sit up in bed tonight and participate in the conversation of the improvement conditions from hour to hour and Dr. Dunham thinks his patient will be able to leave his bed before Sunday.

Alfred Will Run Independent.

Chicago, March 15.—The result of the Democratic primaries today insures the nomination of Carter Harrison for mayor.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, March 15.—Forecast for Thursday: Fair eastern Pennsylvania, fair, brisk west to north-west winds.